

BANK BURGLARS STEAL \$3,000

LBJ Puts Brakes On Tax Reform

Not Eager
To Plug
Loopholes

Could Up Take
By Estimated
\$50 Billion

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has planted a go-slow sign in the way of congressional proposals to plug some of the major tax loopholes through which an estimated \$58 billion of revenue escape every year.

Instead of a major loophole-closing, officials expect President Johnson to seek modest changes, mostly pinching up corporation tax rules and offsetting any revenue increases by tax relief for lower-income families.

The presidential package won't reach Congress until July or August, under present plans. They could not be enacted before 1968. And under White House orders, the revisions will not produce a gain in revenues.

"The reforms will be little and late," predicted Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., a ranking member of the Senate-House Economic Committee.

He has urged prompt loophole-closing as a substitute for Johnson's proposed 6 per cent general surtax at midyear on most income taxes. But Reuss reported no signs of a major tax reform effort in the executive branch and added, in an interview: "Unless there is strong presidential leadership you cannot get real tax reforms out of Congress."

DIVERGENT INTERESTS

"Congress is where the vested interests live. The White House is where the national interest lives."

Administration aides agree that the President's promised reform package won't go to Capitol Hill until after Congress takes its action, if any, on Johnson's tax surcharge proposal.

And they concur that Johnson in effect has said "no" to the Reuss plan — and is not changing his mind. Johnson's economic report to the new Congress in

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Big Motel Going Up In Benton

Start Tomorrow
At I-94 And M-139

Groundbreaking for the new \$2 million Statler-Hilton Inn in Benton township will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, local real estate developer Mark East said today.

Official groundbreaking ceremonies will be held on the site just west of Bill Knapp's restaurant at I-94 and M-139 with representatives of the Hilton corporation and contracting firms taking part.

The new complex will include a five-story, 120-room motel with a single-story attached dining room, cocktail lounge, coffee shop and banquet facilities for 450 persons, and will also include a heated swimming pool and wading pool as well as parking facilities for 500 cars.

East said it will be the first unit in a proposed complex to be called Executive Center, which would include an office building, a theater and an executive club.

East said construction would start immediately, with completion scheduled for late this year.

The Statler-Hilton Inn will be a franchised operation built by Inns Investments, Inc., of which East is president and sole stockholder.

Gosnick Construction Co. of Benton Harbor holds the general contract, with sub-contracts to March Electric, City Plumbing, J.V. Buckett for excavating and John G. Yerington for paving.

EIGHT BLOSSOM QUEENS ARE CROWNED



MISS NEW BUFFALO
Pamela Aasgaard



MISS BARODA
Diana Miller



MISS COLOMA
Renee Johnson



MISS CASSOPOLIS
Cassandra Barrs



MISS EAU CLAIRE
Joyce Chisek



MISS BANGOR
Patricia Bentley



MISS BUCHANAN
Lois Schultz



MISS EDWARDSBURG
Carol Bigelow

STORIES OF QUEEN CONTESTS ON PAGE THIRTEEN

Shipwrecked Pair Survive 3 Months

Rescued After Ordeal Only
40 Miles From Safety

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — After three months shipwrecked on a tropical island and three days at sea on a submerged water-logged raft, Henri Bourdens told his wife he was sorry but he was going to die.

"I asked him: 'Please wait for me, we must go together,' and he said he would try to live one more day," Mrs. Bourdens, 48, said today.

By the end of that day — Saturday — the French couple whose yacht was wrecked by a cyclone on the shores of Bathurst Island in late December.

Mrs. Bourdens said that on Saturday her husband's face looked like that of a dying man — but he "was just dozing with his chin on the water when I saw that mirage — but it was not a mirage, it was a boat."

The raft's deck was under

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Although unopposed on the ballots, candidates for city offices in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph today were watching polling places in their respective municipalities for signs of possible write-in candidates at the last minute.

The polls will be open until 8 o'clock tonight. Two city commissioners and four supervisors are to be elected in St. Joseph, while in Benton Harbor the mayor and four incumbent members of the city commission are seeking re-election.

Voters arriving at the precinct polling spots in both cities were few and far between this morning, and the pace is not expected to pick up markedly through the remainder of the day because of the lack of contests.

Although there have been no indications since then that he would follow up a threat to "run for mayor" in St. Joseph as a sticker candidate, Alexan-

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ATTENTION MOTHERS: YOU can earn a substantial year-around income from your home as a part-time carrier counselor for The News-Palladium. IF you would like to supervise boys, can spare 2½ to 3 hours afternoons, contact the circulation department of The News-Palladium to learn more about this interesting and rewarding occupation. Adv.

Cass Youth Found Dead Near Tracks

May Have Been
Struck By Train

CASSOPOLIS — The body of 18-year-old Donald Raymond Morse, apparently struck by a train, was found between the tracks of the Grand Trunk railroad three miles south of here Sunday.

Morse, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morse, route 2, Cassopolis, was last seen leaving the home of a friend about 2:30 a.m. Sunday for a walk home, Cass county sheriff's deputies said.

The body was found between the tracks at the Jefferson Center road crossing about 1½ miles from the youth's home by a twin brother, Dean, and a friend, Jerry Lichtner, route 2, Cassopolis.

The sheriff's department received a report of the incident at 2:14 p.m. Sunday.

STILL CHECKING

Cass Coroner Rollo Schoff said young Morse apparently was killed by a train, but sheriff's deputies had no idea of

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Enter By Night At Dowagiac

Vault Is Left
Untouched;
Loot Is Coins

DOWAGIAC — Burglars smashed in a back glass door at the Community State bank here over the weekend and escaped with an estimated \$3,000 in coins from teller's cages.

Vice President Charles Taylor said it appeared no attempt had been made to gain entry to the bank's vault.

The break-in was discovered at 12:47 a.m. today by Dowagiac Police Capt. Lewis Trucks while on routine patrol.

Taylor said the burglars kicked out enough glass in a metal-framed door at the rear of the bank to walk in, then entered five of the bank's seven teller cages and rifled drawers.

NO BILLS
The drawers, two per cage, contained change and miscellaneous articles.

Taylor estimated the haul at \$3,000, but said he won't know the exact total until after FBI agents complete an investigation. The bank was closed early today.

The bank, opened Jan. 27, 1961, is located at 207 Commercial street. It has never been robbed or broken into before, Taylor said.

CALLS FBI

Police Chief George Grady notified the FBI that the bank had been entered. Agents were expected to arrive at the bank early today.

Taylor said he had no idea of the number of persons involved in the break-in or when it occurred.

The bank had been closed since Saturday at 4:30 p.m. after a normal business day.

Victim Of Blast Was Decaturite

Max Hineckley Died
In Prison Explosion

DECATUR — A former Decatur area resident, Max Hineckley, 57, of Jackson, was one of two guards killed Friday evening in an explosion at Jackson State Prison.

Hineckley was working in the prison arsenal when an unexplained explosion set off gunpowder, tear gas and other weapons material. This in turn set off a fire and two more explosions.

Hineckley was born in Paw Paw township on Jan. 10, 1910. He had been employed at the prison for the past 16 years.

Surviving is his mother, Mrs. Helen Hineckley Martz of 206 North Phelps street, Decatur.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Cuddeback cemetery here.

Manicurist wanted - Temple Barber Salon, 406 State, St. Joe. Adv.

Hat Sale; Elsie's, 3104 Washington, St. Joe. Adv.



SAFE AFTER THREE MONTHS: Safe in Darwin, Australia, hospital yesterday, Henri and Jose Bourdens tell how they spent three months on tropical Bathurst Island after their yacht was wrecked in a cyclone. The French couple was rescued Saturday from a raft they built when they were certain they were dying of starvation. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Sydney)

Editorials

How To Rescue Fiscal Reform

The State Senate's rejection of Governor Romney's fiscal reform package is conceded on all sides not to be a final answer.

There is a House version yet to be voted upon. Senator Zollar who predicted a week ago what his group would do with the Romney idea and who helped to submerge it, at least temporarily, predicts a similar pattern in the House.

The Democratic national headquarters, he says, have passed the word down to vote "no" and there are sufficient Republicans opposed to an income tax at this time to nullify the one-vote majority the G.O.P. holds. The Democratic action is based on the thought of killing off Romney as Presidential timber in the '68 campaign. The Dems figure him as a tough man to beat and if he loses on his fiscal reform pitch here at home, they feel his chances for the Republican nomination will fade.

This political murkiness beclouding fiscal reform is bound to continue through the present session and at this juncture we doubt if Zollar, whose insight on his colleagues' thinking has been remarkably penetrative, would give an unhedged bet on what will finally emerge.

He has said fiscal reform will be taken up this fall in a special session after the immediate heat of funding a 1967-68 budget has been met by further expedients.

One of those expedients could be extending the sales tax to services. Should this be done, it could produce the extra money required to field Romney's \$1.15 billion budget.

Michigan is out on a financial limb because the difference in partisan labels has made it impossible for the executive and legislative branches to look through the same microscope at the root level causes of the defoliation.

Technically, this distinction does not hold in this session. The difference remains, however, because not all Republicans see eye to eye with their Governor.

One difficulty is in the relationship between the state and the local governmental units.

Historically, the legislature has been prone to limit the taxing power of local government, but in more recent years has shown an increasing tendency to saddle it with responsibilities in certain areas and to remove its authority to treat with others. Teacher tenure, compulsory arbitration with employee groups, are a few examples of this squeeze play.

Logically, if local government is required to do more, then its home grown resources should be expanded, not hamstrung.

Freeing the local units in that respect could reduce the impact of state aid to some extent, thereby reducing proportionately the unhealthy annual swelling of the state budget.

It could also have the salutary effect of getting more mileage from the taxpayer's dollar. The more remote the responsibility for raising and spending public funds the more extravagantly they are dispensed.

While the New Constitution made little move to correct this imbalance, the legislature itself has considerable inherent power to re-juggle this tipsy situation.

The second difficulty, one of universal application in fact, is a misunderstanding of taxes themselves.

Pinning a label on a tax, whether it be real estate, cigarettes, beer, gasoline, business activities or what have you, does not mean the levy comes out of that specific item. Income is the only source to pay any tax and regardless of whether a pension, a wage, a dividend, a rent, an interest receipt, or a combination of them, is the income. The isolated exception to this statement would be a person converting his property into non-income producing assets and digging into that principal to sustain himself.

Because of that incomprehension or possibly an intentional disregard of the fact, most state legislatures look for a tax package that will raise the least fuss from the greatest number of pocketbooks.

When a money pinch arises, as has been fairly recurrent in Michigan for the past ten years, the tendency is to raise the existing taxes somewhat and look about for different ones of similar expediency.

The business activities tax, somewhat irreverently dubbed BAT, is a good example of this ferreting.

It was proposed actually by the automotive people as a more palatable substitute for a corporation profits tax.

As an educated man with the benefit of a long, successful business career, Romney should understand this principle.

Yet his edition of fiscal reform is no more than a slam bang patching job.

It would solve his problem for fiscal 1967-68, but a year from now it would be necessary to raise his 2 1/2 per cent income tax to 3 per cent or higher, or else tinker around some more with other taxes.

In defense of Romney, it must be said his predecessors, John Swainson and Soapy Williams had even worse suggestions, and the state is lucky that partisan politics killed their brain children in the cradle.

Nevertheless, this is not the time to take the Governor's word as the final gospel.

It took Con-Con almost a year to overhaul the old state constitution.

Finding a sensible plan to run the government is just as important.

This should not require a year, but it does demand more of an air conditioned atmosphere than now prevails at Lansing.

Abodes Of The Future

If some quick slide rule calculations prove correct, in less than 40 years there will be twice as many people milling about on earth as there are at present.

It is easy to take an impersonal view of such predictions today, with hardly a thought of the changes that will take place. There are so many horrendous warnings, the bigger and the more terrible they are, the easier it is to ignore them. It is part of man's built-in survival mechanism that imagination and complacency should be exactly blended and neatly limited.

Anyone who looks around him can see the evidences of idly increasing population. People will continue to gather in the cities, the movement from the country to the city has been going on for centuries. And urban areas cannot go on sprawling forever and ever, even if money can be found for the services that lateral building demands.

The solution seems to be to reach for the sky in apartment blocks like upturned egg boxes.

It is not a particularly pleasant picture, humanity of the future living layer upon layer in skyscraper cities. Perhaps by then even solitude will have become a marketable commodity.

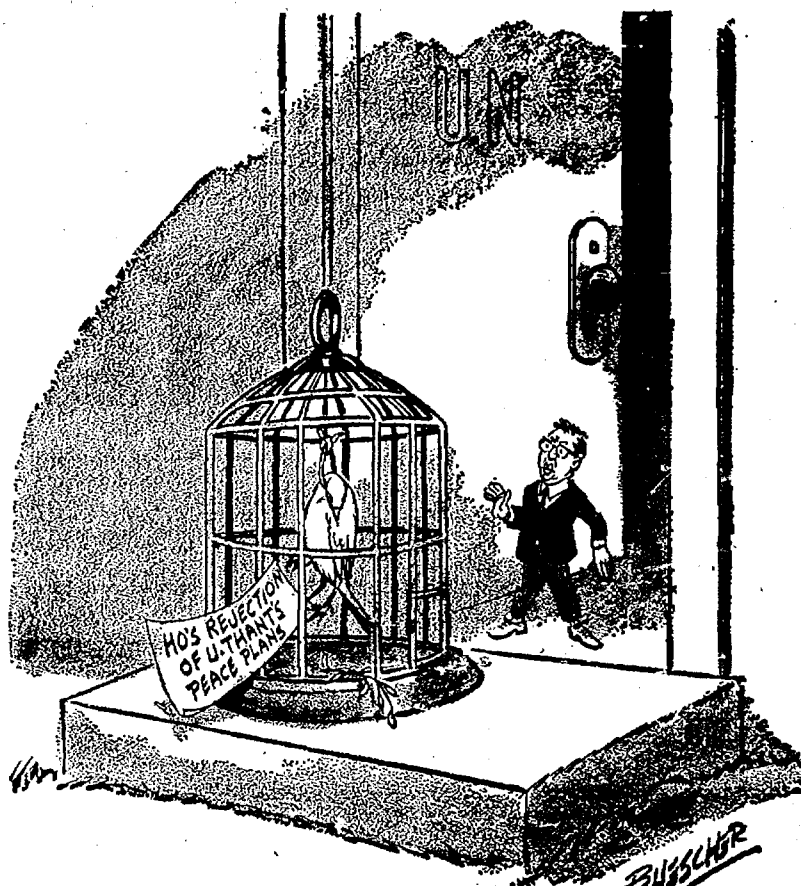
Less And Less

The cost of living has gone up, but what it takes to keep alive—money—is costing the government less to print.

Advances in printing technology pushed the cost of a bill down to 0.842 of a cent in the last fiscal year. This is expected to drop to 0.83 of a cent this year and down to 0.811 in 1967-68. Whether \$1 or \$10,000 it costs the same to print.

It's not the material that goes into currency that really matters. It's what the bill represents. No housewife needs to be told that it represents less and less each year.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Glancing Backwards—

NEW BUFFALO NAMES QUEEN

—1 Year Ago—
Sandra Murphy added another honor to her growing list of awards Saturday night when she was crowned Miss New Buffalo for 1966. Miss Murphy, a 19-year-old high school senior had previously won the Danforth citizenship award and the Betty Crocker homemaker award. First runnerup at Saturday's

contest in the New Buffalo school gym was 18 year old New Buffalo high school senior Gay Williams while the second runner up award went to Susan Pazieski, 18, also a senior. Picked by the 17 candidates as Miss Congeniality was Kathleen Weigel.

STUDENTS OBSERVE GOVERNMENT DAY

—10 Years Ago—
More than 600 students from

the four high schools in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor participated in the second annual Twin Cities Government day activities yesterday. After the general speeches, the students broke up into sectional groups where they discussed individual aspects of government with leaders in various fields.

Student discussion leaders included Ronald Cope, Paula Hanna, Dennis William, Sharon Krugge, Mike Thomas, Bela Lindenfeld, Bob Neuser, Jeri Briney, John Keana, Mary Morgan and Michael Jeffery.

COUNTY DEFENSE IS STREAMLINED

—25 Years Ago—
Steps to streamline the Berrien County Civilian Defense setup and convert it into a smooth-functioning machine were announced Thursday night by Chairman Waldo V. Tiscornia at a meeting of district chairmen at the Whitcomb hotel. W. Worth Bean has been appointed full time manager of the county defense offices in the St. Joseph city hall, without compensation, Mr. Tiscornia announced.

Mr. Bean's chief duties will be to coordinate the various defense activities already started. Howard T. Eldridge has been named assistant to Mr. Bean in the defense offices. He will serve principally as a field man and liaison agent between the county offices and the 18 district chairmen to speed the coordination effort.

NEW PRESIDENT

—35 Years Ago—
Mrs. Emil M. Totzke of Lincoln avenue, south of St. Joseph, has been elected president of the Berrien County Council of Parents and Teachers. She succeeds Mrs. Fred Ashman.

HAT IN RING

—45 Years Ago—
Donald R. Pears, a Buchanan boy, has tossed his hat in the political arena with the announcement that he will seek the Republican nomination for register of deeds.

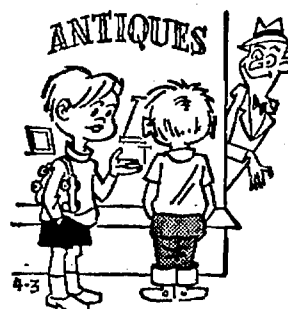
TRY AND STOP ME

By BENNETT CERF

Two kids with roller skates strapped over their shoulders paused on their way to Central Park to gaze intently at the window display of an interior decorator's shop on Third Avenue. A passer-by, wondering at their interest, stopped to listen to their comments. One lad was saying, "What is an antique, anyhow?" The other answered vaguely, "Something older than our mothers and fathers, I guess."

A notably hard-hearted New York drama critic was even more hard-hearted than usual when he began his review of a new spectacle: "Mr. So-and-so wrote his latest offering so his friends wouldn't stop talking to him. This morning he has a new problem..."

When it came to making important decisions, states Joseph Wechsberg in his new book, "The Merchant Bankers," the astute Philip Lehman, of Lehman Brothers, often relied on instinct—and seldom in vain. One day in 1932, for instance, Match King Ivar Kreuger sought to win his backing in a



grandiose and complicated new financial set-up. While Kreuger made his fervent pitch, Lehman jotted down a brief note from time to time. Finally, Mr. Lehman bowed out of the deal. "I have a rule, Mr. Kreuger," he explained, "If I can't understand something by reading my own notes, I won't buy it. You are too complex for me by far." Not long thereafter the Kreuger empire collapsed, and Ivar Kreuger committed suicide.

Features

speaking of YOUR HEALTH

By Lester L. Coleman, M. D.

What is the value of giving a child an injection of gamma globulin after he has been exposed to a contagious disease?

Gamma globulin is one of the most important elements in the blood. It contains many of the body defenses that fight off infection. The antibodies in gamma globulin help to keep invading germs from getting out of hand.

Almost everybody has gamma globulin in his blood. Occasionally a Dr. Coleman child is found with complete absence of gamma globulin. In some people there is a deficiency of this vital ingredient in the blood.

Gamma globulin, or G.G., is often given to children as a "booster" after they have been exposed to contagious diseases. In many instances the G.G. can reduce the severity and the duration of the disease if it is acquired.

It is even thought that an injection of G.G. may completely ward off contagious or infectious disease completely. It is an excellent precaution, especially when it is suggested by the physician who has a complete record of a child's illnesses.

Adults often take for granted that they have had all the childhood diseases but actually they are not sure. This is an added reason why an accurate health record should be kept by everyone.

If there is the vaguest doubt that an adult has had a contagious disease he should be given the advantage of an injection of gamma globulin. When children and adults are exposed to infectious hepatitis there is great value in a "shot of G.G."

There is no certainty that it can provide absolute protection. Yet it is the experience of most doctors that this precautionary

injection may make the disease and its complications milder when and if it does occur.

If children at school or their parents at work should come down with an infectious disease the authorities should be immediately notified. They can then issue a bulletin to everyone who has been in contact with the disease and give them sufficient time to get the protective gamma globulin.

If a child is born with a terribly misshapen head does it mean that he will have some kind of brain damage later on? This is a common thought to parents when first they see a newborn child. It is absolutely false to believe that a deformed head means brain damage.

The bones of the skull of newborn infants are elastic because they do not contain much calcium. It is for this reason that their heads take on peculiar shapes during pregnancy and particularly as they pass through the birth canal. The pressures made on the soft skull temporarily change its appearance. This lasts for a week or two and then the head begins to return to its normal shape and appearance.

Any anxiety about this should be talked out immediately with the doctor so that the parents can be assured that it is temporary and unimportant. Brain damage is accompanied by signs and symptoms unrelated to distortions of the shape of the skull.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH—People who stand on their feet most of the day can be markedly benefited and freed of fatigue with supporting stockings.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

CONTRACT BRIDGE...

By E. Jay Becker

East Dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	KQ86	♠	753
♥	A59	♥	252
♦	AKJ9	♦	1055
♣	J2	♣	10965
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	71092	♠	A4
♥	5743	♥	KQ10
♦	742	♦	Q86
♣	84	♣	AKQ75

The bidding:
East South West North
1♥ Pass 3NT 2♥
Pass 3NT

Opening lead—three of hearts.

Italy has won nine of the last ten world championships in which it has played, but it was not ever thus.

Back in 1951, an American team composed of George Rapee, Samuel Stayman, Howard Schenken, John Crawford and this writer traveled to Naples and easily defeated an Italian team which had won the European championship that year.

The personnel of the Italian team has changed considerably since that time—only Pietro Forquet of the 1951 team has survived the change and keeps on winning one world championship after another.

But in 1951, when Italy played

in its first big international championship, the Italian team showed signs of inexperience and instability. The accompanying hand, which produced a gain of 1,500 points for the American team, occurred early in the match.

The irrepressible Crawford, holding the East cards, decided to open the bidding with a heart. South passed, for reasons unknown, and I, having the West cards and not realizing that my dreadful hand was nevertheless a shade better than Crawford's, also passed.

The Italian North bid two hearts, presumably showing a good hand, and South jumped to three notrump after East passed. Thirteen tricks were there for the asking and the Italian pair scored 120 points on the deal.

Of course, North-South realized that they had suffered a terrible loss on the deal in having failed to undertake a lay-down grand slam, and they also realized that their bidding methods were apparently not geared to dealing with physics. pair arrived at the grand slam in bang-bang style. The bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

North knew that South had to have at least 10 points for his jump to two notrump and therefore realized that making thirteen tricks was a virtual certainty.

today's GRAB BAG...

By Ruth Ramsey, Central Press Writer

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. Name the world's largest freshwater lake.
2. Name the world's busiest waterway.
3. What is mace?
4. What is the state flower of Texas?
5. What countries did Simon Bolivar liberate?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1860, the Pony Express was inaugurated between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.

BORN TODAY

Essayist, biographer and historian Washington Irving was the first American author to win international fame and make writing his fulltime profession.

He attained that goal by a roundabout route. Born in New York City in 1783, Irving studied to be a lawyer in order to escape the family's hardware business, and contributed light essays to magazines and newspapers under a pseudonym.

In 1807, in collaboration with his brother William and James K. Paulding, rying wrote the "Salmagundi Papers," humorous, satirical pieces modeled on Addison which brought him local renown.

After the death of his fiancée, Irving sailed for Europe, remaining for 17 years.

His best-known book, "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon," was published in England in 1820, followed by "Bracebridge Hall" and "Tales of a Traveller."

For financial reasons he accepted a post with the U.S. Embassy in Madrid—returning there 13 years later as U.S. minister.

There he wrote four books, including "The Legends of the Alhambra," before returning home to travel throughout the West.

In his retirement, Irving continued to write. Biographies of Goldsmith and Mahomet were followed by a monumental five-volume biography of George Washington, which Irving completed shortly before his death.

Others born today are publisher Henry Luce, astronaut Virgil Grissom, actress Doris Day, actor Marion Brand.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Lake Superior.
2. The Detroit River.
3. The dried outside covering of the nutmeg.
4. The bluebonnet.
5. Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

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BERRIEN TOWNSHIPS HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS

Grass Roots Democracy In Action

Highlights And Details From 22 Sessions Saturday

Berrien county's 22 townships held annual meetings Saturday. The township annual meeting is one of the last remaining vestiges of grass roots democracy in action.

Electors gather on this one day of the year to settle major questions involving their local government. It's town hall brought back to life from the days when the United States were largely rural in character.

Recent changes in state law have diminished scope of the action that can be taken at township meetings and therefore lessened their importance to some extent. But the sessions are still colorful and vital.

Meetings of five Twin Cities area townships are covered in other articles on this page and on page 7. Highlights and details of the remaining 17 township meetings follow in alphabetical order:

Bainbridge

WATERVLIET — Residents of Bainbridge township voted at the annual meeting Saturday to purchase the vacant Bainbridge school from the Watervliet school district for \$1,000 for use as a township hall.

Nearly an acre of land is included in the deal. There were some 26 persons at the meeting Saturday to approve of the transaction which would see the township move its operations from the Bainbridge Grange Hall where it has long held its meetings.

Citizens also approved a new policy of seeking legal action on a frequent fire service basis. The township has had difficulty collecting service calls from some residents.

Bainbridge depends upon fire departments in surrounding townships for fire protection and passes bills from these townships onto the property owners where the fire calls were made.

BUDGET APPROVED — The 1967-68 budget of \$60,549 was approved. Major items in the budget include \$43,400 for roads, \$800 for trains, \$1,900 for township hall rent, \$1,500 for a sign, \$800 for dump and \$7,152 for the general fund.

Citizens voted to continue the three-fourths of one mill property tax for library service rights in surrounding townships. The \$2.41 that is raised by the tax will go to the libraries in Watervliet, Coloma, Eau Claire, and Benton Harbor-Benton township.

Citizens approved blacktopping of seven-eighths of a mile of Hill road east from M-140 and approved prime and double seal paving for 1,000 feet of Marl road. However, no date was set for start of construction. Township officials told the road improvement petitioners those projects would be put on a list of road jobs and would be handled as soon as possible.

SALARIES RAISED — Township officials received raises in the new budget. The supervisor's salary and expenses allotment was raised from \$3,000 to \$3,700; the treasurer's from \$1,050 to \$1,500; and the clerk's salary from \$930 to \$1,200.

Retiring treasurer Chester Krause was given a standing ovation upon his ending 20 years of service to the township.

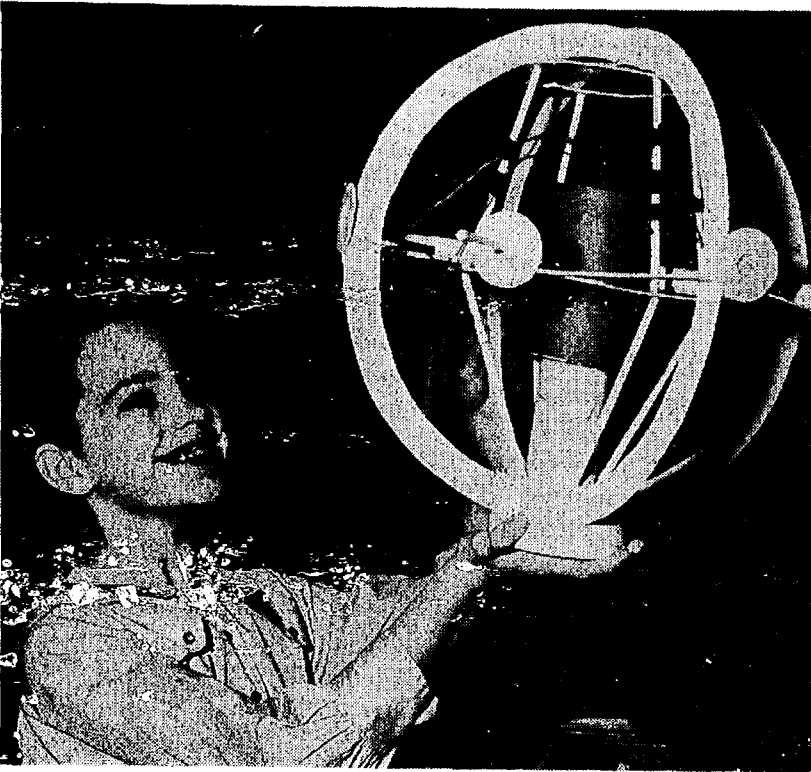
Baroda

BARODA — Residents of Baroda township took action to establish a small township park, purchase a fire department emergency vehicle and increase the pay of township officers at the annual township meeting Saturday. A total of 28 persons attended.

It was voted to have the township zoning board approach Laurel Groenke on the possibility of purchasing from him two triangular parcels of land to be converted for use as a township park. The two parcels totaling six-tenths of an acre are south of the Singer Lake road spur.

BUY VEHICLE — Also approved was the purchase of an emergency vehicle for the Baroda fire department using \$1,000 donated by fire department personnel with the balance to be taken from the township fire fund. Purchase price of the vehicle will not exceed \$2,800. Three firemen

She Wants To Be First U.S. Woman Astronaut



BUILT SATELLITE AT 11: In 1957 Nancy Vandenberg of Benton Harbor built this replica of one of America's very earliest satellites, complete with ion chamber and solar cell. This photo was taken at that time, as she exhibited it to classmates in sixth grade at St. John's Catholic school. She had already been studying astronomy as a hobby for some time. She got some help in building model from her father, Robert Vandenberg, a vice president of Farmers & Merchants bank, Benton Harbor.

BH Coed Has Stars In Her Eyes

Nancy Vandenberg Studies Physics, Dreams Of Moon

By HOWARD HOLMES
Staff Writer

Nancy Vandenberg, 20, has set her aims high: the moon. She'd like to go there as one of America's first women astronauts.

"I think it would be nice to go to the moon," she says. "I think it'd be nice to go anywhere. I'd even volunteer for one of those trips that takes 200 years to the nearest star. Just to get away."

Ever since the sixth grade when she began reading "Science for Boys," her mind has been exploring outer space. She knows astrophysics is a field dominated by men "and I hear that they discriminate against women, but I'll try."

She doesn't think she will be the first as it will be at least another four years before she is prepared as an astronaut scientist and other women already training may have been sent by then, she said.

HAS PHYSICS DEGREE

Home from college and living with her parents, Atty. and Mrs. Robert V. Vandenberg at 634 Ogden avenue, Benton Harbor, she has already reached one plateau: a degree in physics from Mundelein college in Chicago.

The degree has opened other doors.

Nancy is one of the nation's 30 undergraduates who have been awarded a grant for the 1967 summer institute in space physics at Columbia university, sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The summer institute award includes field trips to national centers of space research. On these field trips, she will be allowed to examine experimental work in progress on scientific satellites at the



MAPPING HER FUTURE: With trips to the moon or beyond as a future goal, Nancy — now 20 — looks at some charts of the heavens that she has collected as part of her interest in astronomy. Her goal is to become woman astronaut so she can get a closer look at stars and planets out in space.

SJ Residents Want Utility Lines Buried

Some 70 residents of Niles avenue in St. Joseph met Sunday to organize a drive to get utility lines buried in connection with the widening of their street.

No formal organization was formed in the meeting at Day

Famous Folk Singer To Appear

Famed folk singer Chad Mitchell will appear in concert next Friday, April 7, in the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium. The Lake Michigan College concert committee-sponsored program will start at 8:30 p.m. Mitchell originally was part of a trio and has just recently begun singing on his own. His folk singing has expanded into popular music and show tunes.

His newest album is "Chad Mitchell Himself." Mitchell has performed in the "Hungry 11" with the trio and has been featured performer on the "Tonight" television show.

Advance tickets for the performance are available from Benton Harbor merchants at \$1 for students and \$1.50 for non-students.



INSTALLED: Michael Payovich became the 58th exalted ruler of St. Joseph lodge, BPO Elks No. 540 at installation ceremonies Saturday night in lodge rooms. Robert L. Winters, Sr., a past exalted ruler, was installing officer. (Staff Photo)

spokesman by the group. "We assume we'll get what we're asking for, because it's reasonable," said Thornycroft. "We expect our group will only last about a week. However, he added the group is willing to fight for the burial of the electric and telephone lines if it is necessary."

The utility companies are to be contacted early this week, he said, and it is possible a delegation of the group will appear before the city commission tonight. Indications have been received from city hall, said Thornycroft, that their proposal would be favorably received.

"They're doing a nice job" of widening Niles avenue to five lanes as part of the I-94 Penetrator route, said the spokesman. "We just want them to go the other mile."

The burying of wires along both Niles avenue and Napeau avenue in St. Joseph township was proposed in a letter to the editor of this newspaper last Tuesday by Mrs. J. D. (Marjorie) Hartwig of 1226 Riverwood terrace, St. Joseph.

An arrow-borne message was received last Monday by this newspaper lamenting the loss of the trees along Niles avenue. Signed by "Robin Hood digs the Woods," the message followed signs posted on trees along the street bearing Marxist-like slogans against the tree cutters.

Not In Bed

It was incorrectly reported in Saturday's editions of this newspaper that Mrs. Glen Schilling was smoking in bed Friday when fire from a cigarette burned bedding.

Benton Harbor firemen, called to the Schilling apartment at 586 Superior street, reported that Mrs. Schilling was not in bed. Firemen said she had placed a cigarette in an ashtray on the bed and left the room briefly when the blaze occurred.

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Royalton Discusses Road Work

Board To Decide On Improvements

The citizens of Royalton township agreed to leave the township road improvement program up to the discretion of the township board at the annual meeting held Saturday.

The township spent \$11,209 on roads during the past year. Eidson road must be seal coated and Jasper Dairy road must be graded, drained and graveled this year. The balance on hand was reported to be \$13,874 with an additional \$10,000 in revenue forthcoming. The necessary road repairs "will just about be our projects for this year," said Otto Jasper, township clerk. "It will take most of that," he said, referring to the available funds.

Citizens authorized the payment of \$275 to the board of trustees of Riverview cemetery for the township's share in the care of the grounds.

It was agreed that the township board will continue to meet the second Monday of each month and to retain the Peoples State Bank, St. Joseph, as depositor, and John Spelman as township attorney.

SALARIES RAISED — Salaries of township officers were set at \$3,200 for the supervisor compared to the previous figure of \$2,400; the salary of the clerk was raised from \$1,000 to \$2,100; treasurer from \$1,800 to \$2,100; trustees from \$150 to \$220.

The budget request of \$37,558.78 was approved. This figure is an increase of \$5,869.92 over last year's budget of \$31,688.86. Most of the increase is consumed in the blacktopping around the township and fire station and in salaries, in the authorized \$500 for an engineers study for water and sewage, and the balance will be consumed by the expense of sanitary land fill.

Manned Spacecraft center in Houston, Tex., the Launch Operation center in Cape Kennedy, Fla., the Goddard Space Flight center in Greenbelt, Md., and the Marshall Space Flight center, at Huntsville, Ala.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

She has also received a graduate school fellowship from Georgetown university which includes a tuition grant and \$2,800 yearly stipend. She plans to get a doctorate in astronomy — and travel to outer space to get a closer and clearer look at the stars.

She wants to participate in a NASA program for scientists as astronauts which requires a doctoral degree and a year or more training as an astronaut before leaving the launching pad.

"I think it would be great to feel the feeling of taking off, of being weightless, and of traveling through space," she said.

If possible, she would like to live somewhere out there — on the moon, or a manned (and woman) satellite.

"Some people are ready for it," she said.

EXPLAINS DREAM

"I want to go far above the pettiness and trivialities that people consider so important here, yet which are so insignificant when there is so much above and beyond."

After her return trip? That is too far to foresee, she said, but she imagined she would do whatever the government wanted her to do.

"After the flight, I imagine a goodwill tour — but that doesn't really appeal to me."

Nancy said as an astronomer, she wanted to get a closer look at the stars, undimmed by atmosphere.

"I sometimes wonder though why the astronauts who have

gone up volunteered," she said. "Was it for their country, for themselves or for science? I don't know. And I don't know which it will be when I go."

Nancy said she has read much science fiction, but didn't expect to see any of the fantasies described therein, as mankind hadn't advanced far enough in science yet to have interstellar flights or the devices of a thousand years from now as described in these books.

BRIGHT STUDENT

When Nancy's mind returns from space, it is filled with many earthly activities that have kept her busy and an almost all-A student throughout school and college.

Her closest interest is with music. She plays the piano and was accompanist for the "Bells Are Ringing" last year. She is also interested in computers and worked with them for Western Electric in Chicago last summer.

She has been offered a similar job with Whirlpool for the summer and was to have begun Monday. She will leave July 3 for the summer institute and after six weeks return to Whirlpool to work until school begins.

Nancy was elected to "who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" last year as a student at Mundelein. She was also a staff member of the college's student newspaper and member of the physics and music club.

She was valedictorian at the St. Mary Academy, in Monroe, where she was graduated with a straight A average. She skipped from the sixth to the eighth grade because of grades.

She has been interested in astronomy since the age of 10.

Hagar May Buy Land For Park

Two Parcels Are Available

RIVERSIDE — Hagar township citizens voted Saturday at the annual meeting to give the township board authority to negotiate with the Michigan Highway department on the purpose of surplus highway property for township recreational use.

The landlocked property is north of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and adjacent to the township dump. Supervisor Edward Broderick said a 7½-acre parcel is available for \$3,500 and a 12½-acre parcel is available for \$9,000. There is \$6,000 in this year's budget for land purchase.

Broderick said he would like to acquire the larger parcel for use as a township park, but said the 23 citizens at the meeting Saturday seemed to believe the price was too high. Thus the township board will probably buy the smaller parcel.

The land was acquired by the state for use in construction of the I-96 freeway. By law it must first be offered for sale to governmental agencies before being put up for public sale.

BUDGET APPROVED

In other business, a budget of \$79,114 was approved. Last year's budget was \$72,710. The increase of approximately \$6,000 will cover rising costs of running the township, including slightly higher salaries for officials (the raises total \$900), higher fire and water expenses, and higher zoning board expenses.

The major departments of the budget include \$27,154 for the general fund, \$11,100 for salaries, \$720 for liquor inspections, \$3,000 for township hall operation, \$20,000 for road maintenance and road building, \$2,000 for cemetery maintenance, \$6,500 for fire and water and \$1,500 for zoning board operations.

Named To Pest Assn. Board

Fred C. Pedden, vice president of Excel Pest Control, 1550 Milton street, Benton Harbor, was elected one of eight directors of the Michigan Pest Control Operators association this week at East Lansing.

Pedden, of 408 West Napier avenue, Benton Harbor, was attending a two-day pest control operators conference on the Michigan State university campus. His term lasts one year.

News Quiz Provides 'Instant Relaxation'

Entertaining Way To Keep Mind Fit

When you're bushed from spring activities like raking the yard or a brisk game of catch, turn to the Weekly News Quiz for "instant relaxation."

It's an entertaining way of keeping the mind as fit as the body. Look for it today on page 7.



This week's quiz hits all the important topics that have appeared in recent days in the newspaper.

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COVERT TABLES \$1 MILLION SEWER PROJECT

Bl'mdale, Waverly
To Vote On Roads18 Van Buren Townships
Hold Annual Sessions

Voters of Covert township learned a proposed sewer and water system would cost \$1 million plus individual assessments, then tabled the project because the cost was felt prohibitive.

Covert was among the 18 townships of Van Buren county that held annual meetings Saturday.

Bangor township residents voted to levy four-tenths of a mill tax for payment to the South Haven hospital authority.

In Waverly township, voters asked the township board to set up an election on two mills for five years to improve roads.

Similar action on an identical levy was taken in Bloomingdale township.

Populous South Haven township may have an election to determine if it will continue to make payments to the South Haven Memorial hospital.

Highlights and details of all 18 township meetings follow in alphabetical order:

Almena

PAW PAW — In the absence of supervisor Willard Rumsey, Francis Finch moderated the annual Almena township meeting Saturday.

A budget of \$17,320 was approved, pending allocation of 1 mill from the county tax allocation board.

Major items in the budget include \$1,500 for a contribution to the Paw Paw fire department for a new truck purchase which is anticipated in two years and the regular contribution to the department, which was raised from \$300 to \$500 this year.

Aside from these items and usual expenses, the major part of the township funds will be spent on roads. To date Almena township has used about five-sixths of its entire yearly budget for snow control and repair of roads which are breaking up in the spring thaw.

Estimates have been requested on five jobs of road work in the township, but as yet the county highway department has not furnished these estimates.

No salary changes were made for township officers this year.

The regular meeting of the township board was scheduled for the second Monday in the months of April, July, October, and January.

Antwerp

MATTAWAN — Antwerp township adopted a tentative budget of \$54,851 for the coming year at its annual meeting Saturday. This is about \$888 less than the 1966 budget, and will depend upon receiving one mill from the county allocation board which is being requested.

The board is investigating the purchase of 35 acres of land adjacent to the present dump to enlarge it, and if this is completed, there will be \$7,211 available for road construction work, on a matching funds basis with the county road commission.

Mrs. Bernice Wolff, of the Mattawan library, reported the library had about \$78 on hand, and that the library owned 8019 books including adult fiction and non-fiction and juvenile books.

Appropriations made to the three libraries serving antwerp township were Mattawan, \$1,000; Lawton, \$600; and Paw Paw, \$500. This is a \$200 raise for each of them.

PAY FOR BOARDS
Zoning board members will be paid \$10 per day, and board of review members \$25 per day.

Clyde Corbett was appointed dump custodian on a month-to-month basis, and Ernest Quick appointed cemetery custodian at \$1.75 per hour.

It was voted to list the township hall at the corner of James and Main streets, Lawton, for sale with Leonard Hill real estate, with an asking price of \$5,500.

Supervisor Hill announced to the township board and the five citizens present that he was tendering his resignation as supervisor, and asked that Edward Higley, supervisor-elect, be appointed to fill the remaining ten days of his term.

The board accepted Hill's resignation and appointed Higley to take office as of today, Hill, who did not seek re-election last

fall, said appointment of Higley now would give him a chance to learn some of the functions of the office before the first county board meeting.

Arlington

BANGOR — In an effort to control the collection of junked cars and old machinery in open fields, residents of Arlington township Saturday voted to appoint a committee to draw up a junk ordinance to be amended to the township zoning ordinance.

Appointed to the committee were Robert Horton, Earl Bigelow, Everett Wiles and Kenneth Judd.

A committee was also appointed for the purpose of preparing a township building code. Committee members will be Horton, Ejner Peterson, Robert Cochran and Loren Fausnaugh.

A tentative budget of \$25,000 was adopted for the next fiscal year.

It was reported that the township had hired about 500 dead elm trees cut down during the past year and that the program will continue again this summer.

It was announced that the township dump will remain open only on Saturdays.

Bangor

BANGOR — In an effort to raise funds for road maintenance and construction, Bangor township residents Saturday voted to levy a tax of four-tenths of a mill for payment to the South Haven Community hospital authority.

The township board has been paying the township's share in the hospital operation out of the general fund. However, residents agreed to levy the tax to free about \$3,300 annually for road work.

The action came after Van Buren county road commission supervisor Paul Kaiser informed the township that 86.5 percent of the county budget for road work had been spent last winter for snow removal.

Residents also approved a tentative budget of \$30,742.16.

Bloomingdale

BLOOMINGDALE — Bloomingdale township residents voted Saturday to authorize the township board to call a special election on a two-mill road tax proposal for the next five years. The election will be held sometime this year.

The election was requested after Supervisor Llewellyn Page read a letter from Van Buren road commission supervisor Paul Kaiser in which Kaiser reported over 70 percent of the county money for township road work was used up during snow removal operations in the past winter.

Kaiser advised the township that little money would be left for road maintenance this summer.

Residents also voted to share with Pine Grove township half of the cost of purchasing some new furniture for the Gobles library. The library board asked for financial help after the furniture was destroyed when the library roof collapsed during last January's heavy snow.

A budget was set at \$24,800 for the coming year. Township

'OUR TOWN'

Coloma Junior Class
Play Set April 14-15

COLOMA — The junior class of Coloma high school will present a three act play, "Our Town," in the school auditorium on April 14 and 15. The play is being directed by Ralph Bower assisted by student director Melissa Brown. Members of the cast are Bruce Augustyniak, Gary Bender, Virgil Amos, Bob Wooley, Sue Holt, Carol Koehnigshoff, Gary Reinhardt, Connie Hartman, Charles King, Gregg Reinhardt, Betsy Wilkins, Cheryl Smith, Barry Leedy, Connie McReynolds, Jan Moyers, Cheryl Erdman, Diane Knibbes, Seppo Soini, Evert Martin, Rilla Klann, Connie Smith, Sherry Hewitt, Lynn Waits, Sally Holt Sue Stanke and Sally McKie.



BACKS BLOOD DRIVE: Kenneth J. Coon of Hartford holds sign that tells of a Red Cross blood clinic that will be held Tuesday from 1 to 7 p. m. at Hartford North Elementary school. Coon said he backs the Van Buren county free blood bank because he knows firsthand the importance of having blood on hand when it is needed. Last fall he received blood while suffering from internal bleeding. "It was a big factor in saving my life," he said. (George Swift photo)

treasurer Victor Correll reported that the township had a bank balance of \$7,697 and that \$8,038 was on hand in a special fund for new equipment for the fire department.

Columbia

BANGOR — A tentative budget of \$23,087.65 was adopted by residents in Columbia township during Saturday's annual meeting. West Michigan Savings Bank in Bangor was voted the township depository and board meetings were set for the second Friday of the month.

Covert

COVERT — A price tag of \$1,000,105, plus individual assessments of from \$500 to \$1,200 a unit, was revealed for a proposed sewer and water system for the Covert community during Saturday's annual township meeting.

The project was discussed for nearly an hour and tabled for the time being because residents felt the costs were too prohibitive.

Because of increasing problems in sewage disposal and water sanitation in the unincorporated one square mile community, the board was authorized a year ago to retain Scott Engineering Co. of Alpena to prepare a preliminary plan and cost estimate of building a water and sewer system. The cost of the study was \$1,000.

The plan had been for township residents to hold an election for a special assessment district and to have the township board act as a collection agency for the Covert township residents using the services.

OWNER'S SHARE
It was reported that if the plan was approved, property owners could expect to pay from \$500 to \$1,200 as their share over and above a price tag of more than \$1 million.

In other business, township residents voted to increase the annual salaries of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer by \$400. The supervisor's pay will now be \$2,800 while the clerk and treasurer will receive \$1,800 a year. The trustees will continue to receive \$10 per meeting.

Clerk F. B. Hoffacker proposed that the rental fee for use of the township hall be reduced from \$7 to \$4 for charitable, non-profit making local organizations. Residents approved.

A budget of \$35,353 was approved. The budget was increased by \$8,556 over last year due to general increases in the cost of operations.

CLEAN-UP WEEK
Residents designated May 1 through 6 as Covert Clean-up

Week and George H. Leonard was named chairman of the project.

It was reported that the township dump will be open just four days a week. They will be Saturday and Sunday from morning to dusk and Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p. m. to dusk.

The township board was given the authority to sell parcels of township-owned property if the need arises.

Decatur

DECATUR — Decatur township will pay two-thirds of the cost of a new fire truck for the Decatur department, with Hamilton township paying the other one-third, according to action at the annual board meeting.

The village of Decatur will not pay any part of the cost of the new unit, according to officials. The Decatur department serves both townships.

A resolution was passed that the township would cooperate with the village in building a sidewalk from Pine street to the Lake of the Woods. This will involve about 300 feet of walk in township territory.

The board was authorized to purchase any property which may be available to extend the Lakeside cemetery.

Township books will be audited, according to a motion passed, and the First State Bank of Decatur was designated as depository for township funds.

Regular meeting of the board will be the first Tuesday of each month.

Geneva

BANGOR — Seven residents attending the annual township meeting in the Geneva township hall Saturday.

A tentative budget of \$37,800 was adopted for the new fiscal year. West Michigan Savings Bank in Bangor was named in the township depository for another year.

Hamilton

DECATUR — Electors of Hamilton township Saturday requested supervisor Millard Phillips to look into the expenses of the Lake View Community hospital, at Paw Paw.

The request was made after the township voted to spread four-tenths of a mill on the state equalized value of the township for the hospital, and to add one per cent to the tax roll for the same use.

In the past, townships have been spreading the four-tenths mill on the assessed value, which is about half of the amount raised by spreading on state equalized value. This year, the hospital billed the townships for the full amount, and some units of government were caught short as a result.

A budget of about \$16,000 was adopted, which is about the same as in 1966.

Perry Wedell was appointed sexton of Hamilton Cemetery and caretaker of the township dump.

Regular meeting of the board will be the fourth Thursday of the month.

Hartford

HARTFORD — A tentative budget of \$49,513.88 was adopted by residents in Hartford township Saturday.

The budget represents a \$6,000

increase over last year and reflects planned road projects for next summer.

It was voted to appoint Dale Wolcott and Victor Kaucher to two-year terms to the board of review.

Residents also voted to raise the price of lots in Maple Hill cemetery to \$100 and to set the price at \$50 for opening a grave. Cemetery sexton Robert Merrick was given a pay increase of \$5 a week, making his total weekly pay \$80.

Keeler

KEELER — The only salary adjustments made for members of the Keeler township board at the annual meeting Saturday were for trustees, who were raised from \$750 per meeting to \$10 per meeting. No other changes were made.

Discussion was held regarding the conditions of local roads, but no official action was taken regarding amounts to be spent on maintenance.

Regular meeting of the board was set for the first Tuesday of each month at the Keeler township fire hall, and the Sister Lakes Branch of the Van Buren State Bank will be the depository for township funds.

Lawrence

LAWRENCE — Two citizens attended the annual meeting of Lawrence township, and voted to request an allocation of 1 mill from the county allocation board to be spread for taxes for township use.

The salary of supervisor Robert Cook was raised from \$400 to \$1,200. Clerk Carl Whiteman said that even with this raise, Cook was about the lowest paid supervisor in the county. Also, the work load on supervisors has more than doubled recently because of paperwork such as senior citizen exemptions, he said.

The salary of treasurer Mrs. Bessie Davis was raised from \$225 to \$300. For the coming year.

The American National Bank of Lawrence was designated official depository for the township.

Paw Paw

PAW PAW — Included in the plans for Paw Paw township for the coming year is a township office, which will be open at certain times for business.

In the budget adopted Saturday, \$1,200 was set up for office rent if township officials should decide on such a move.

A budget of \$54,108 was adopted for the coming year. This is an increase over the \$46,300 budget of 1966, and

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Blood Drive
Planned
At HartfordCoon Tells How
Program Helped
Save His Life

HARTFORD — Kenneth J. Coon of rural Hartford is one man who can attest to the value of the Van Buren county American Red Cross blood bank. This year he is helping promote the visit of the Bloodmobile to the Hartford community.

Last fall just before undergoing surgery for ulcers, Coon received emergency transfusions of blood to help him withstand the effects of internal hemorrhaging.

"This blood was worth a million dollars to me, but it didn't cost me a cent, thanks to the Red Cross free blood program," said Coon. "It was a big factor in saving my life."

"I strongly urge all Hartford area residents to donate blood to this very worthwhile program when the Bloodmobile visits Hartford on Tuesday, April 4," said Coon.

ANNUAL VISIT

This year the annual visit of the Bloodmobile is being sponsored by the Hartford Modern Mothers' club. Mrs. James Walter is chairman of the project with Mrs. Wayne Smith as co-chairman.

Blood donors may attend the clinic between 1 and 7 p. m. at the North Elementary school. A doctor and nurses will be at the clinic at all times to check each person before they will be allowed to donate blood.

The Southwest Hartford Thursday club will participate in the clinic's operation by serving refreshments to all blood donors. Hartford volunteer firemen and Hartford Jaycees will help unload and load the bloodmobile equipment.

Members of the Hartford high school Future Nurses club will take care of children for mothers donating blood. Baby-sitters will be supervised by adults in the nursery that will be set up in a school room.

Any person in good health, between the ages of 18 and 60 may donate blood. If under 21 years old and unmarried, written parental consent is required.

All Van Buren county residents may receive blood when they need it and will be charged only for the supplies and technical charge involved in giving the transfusions. This applies to all hospitals in Van Buren county to hospitals outside of the county.

When a county resident needs blood at a hospital without a free blood program, the Red Cross office at Paw Paw will arrange for the Van Buren blood bank to reimburse that hospital for blood used.

In order for the county to continue the free blood service, a certain amount of blood must be raised each year from among its residents. "So it is very important that everyone who can, should give," said Mrs. Walter, chairman of the Hartford blood drive.

Radio Taken
From Boat

A \$600 marine radio was discovered stolen out of a boat in storage at Robinson's Marina in St. Joseph Sunday.

Frank Hageman of 2291 Russell road, Benton Harbor, said the radio, a late model Pearce-Simpson Pury 90A, was taken sometime during the last week.

Described by Hageman as the only one of its kind in local boats, the radio transmits on channels 51, 52, 54, 56 and 57.

The thief used a ladder to get into the boat, zipped open the canvas cover and cut off the electrical cables to get the radio out, police reported.



MAKING MRA AN ISSUE: The residents of tiny resort Mackinac Island will go to the polls April 3 to choose a mayor of the island. Candidate Eugene O'Brien, 75, a retired carriage driver and railroad worker, left, is running as a self-proclaimed anti-Moral Re-Armament candidate against incumbent Mayor Ray Smith, 76. (AP Wirephoto)

Election Feud
On Tiny IslandMackinac Oldtimers Fight
Changes By 'Outsiders'

MACKINAC ISLAND AP) — Residents of this tiny resort island at the head of Lake Huron go to the polls today in an election reflecting a long-smoldering feud between islanders and Moral Re-Armament.

The mayoral race pits Eugene (Chester) O'Brien, running as a self-proclaimed anti-MRA candidate, against incumbent Mayor Ray Smith.

O'Brien, a 75-year-old retired carriage driver and railroad worker, is forthright when asked about his political position.

"I'm running against MRA, that's what," he says. "They're taking over the island. Mackinac Island should belong to the islanders."

MRA is a worldwide anti-Communist organization which stresses moral rebirth, especially among youth, was founded in 1921 by the late Frank N.D. Buckman, a Lutheran minister.

The organization first purchased property on the island in the 1940s, but turned its 21-acre holdings, valued at \$6.5 million, over to Mackinac College, an institution founded by MRA backers last year.

MRA's ideology advocates adherence to and practice of four principles: "Absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love."

"I can't say I'm for 'em, but I'm certainly not against 'em," says Smith, 76, a veteran of 20 years in island government and boiler room attendant at MRA headquarters. "They are a group of dedicated people."

Smith said he doesn't openly court the MRA vote, but he says he doesn't discourage it either.

O'Brien, like his father and grandfather before him, was born and reared on the island. He charges that the college is buying up property on the island and taking it off the tax rolls.

\$20,000 DONATION
"It's strangulation by taxation, that's what," says O'Brien.

The college, tax exempt as an educational institution, pays \$20,000 to the island government as a donation. MRA instituted the original practice. But O'Brien argues the property is worth far more in actual taxes.

Wilbur Chaffee, a spokesman for the college, said only three parcels of land, totaling less than one acre, have been purchased by the college. He said it would be used for faculty housing and kept on the tax rolls.

Chaffee says the college has invited islanders to use its facilities and points out that it employs 50 islanders.

"Our payroll goes into the island economy," he said, adding that the college has spurred establishment of a bank and supplies physical education instructors to the island school.

But islanders long have resented "being improved by changes they don't want. They prefer the rustic qualities of the summer resort, including the ban on motor vehicles."

O'Brien says he doesn't want to force the college to pay taxes, but wants to get the MRA out of island government. "I won't make them pay tax-

B.H. Man
Hurt In Crash

William H. Bunnell, 53, of 1731 Sweet street, Benton Harbor, was released from Mercy hospital today after he was treated for a facial laceration. He received the injury when his car hit a tree about 2 a. m. today.

Benton township police said Bunnell was to return later today for X-rays and examination. Bunnell told police he was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car while driving on Pipestone road, causing him to hit the tree.